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LACK OF EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS IN GOVT. HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the dire need of transfusion equipments and other materials in Government hospitals, particularly in Safdarjung Hospital as reported in the Times of India dated April 4,2005;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein ;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof ;

(e) the steps taken to procure requisite equipments in Government Hospitals;

(f) whether a number of deaths occurred in Government hospitals during the last two years because of shortage of ventilators and other equipments;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) the total number of requirements of ventilators and their availability at present ;

(i) the total allocation of funds for equipment in Government hospitals during the last three years , the amount spent and the reasons for non-utilisation of funds;

(j) the reasons for the lapse of fund and the action taken for proper utilisation of funds with a view to ensure procurement of hospital equipments and other materials; and

(k) the action taken against persons responsible for under- utilisation of funds in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): In Safdarjung Hospital most of the transfusion equipments and other material are available and used for needy patients attending this hospital.

(e): Procurement of equipments as per the requirement of various user Departments of Safdarjung Hospital is a continuous process.

(f)&(g): No deaths have taken place in the hospital due to shortage of ventilators and other equipments.

(h): There are 37 Ventilators available in this hospital and procurement of five Paediatric ventilators are in the process.

(i) to (k): The allocation of funds in the budget and utilization thereof, under the sub-head of Machinery and Equipment during the last three years are as under:

(Rs in crores)

Year	Budget Estimates	Expenditure
2002-03	11.29	5.00
2003-04	15.68	8.02
2004-05	22.00	8.50

The purchase of costly equipments including imported equipments for the Central Government Hospitals particularly Safdarjung Hospital is done after following all codal formalities as laid down in the rules. The Procurement of equipments is a continuous process and the delay may be attributed to several factors due to non-completion of codal formalities etc. If the equipments earmarked for purchase in a year is not procured in that year, the same is procured in the next year.